

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, SEPTEMBER 25, 1945

The Board of Public Works met on September 25, 1945, in the offices of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present:

Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor  
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of August 20, 1945, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Board took up the matter of projects for which architects have not as yet been appointed. After due consideration the following action was taken.

Maryland State Reformatory for Females:

Mr. T. W. Jamison, Jr., of Baltimore, architect, was selected for the work to be done as follows:

Additional Cottage	\$115,000	
Attendants' Home	12,500	
Canning & Storage Building	<u>9,000</u>	\$136,500.

Bowie State Teachers College:

Mr. Francis J. Thuman, architect, was selected for work to be done as follows:

Alterations and improvements to Gymnasium	\$ 10,000	
Repairs and improvements	<u>14,000</u>	24,000.

Maryland Training School for Colored Boys:

Messrs. Ross & Walton, of Hyattsville, and Mr. John Ahlers, of Baltimore, were selected as associate architects for the new institution to be erected as the Maryland Training School for Colored Boys at a cost of-

\$1,500,000	1,500,000.
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Maryland State Police:

Mr. O. E. Adams, architect, was selected for the work to be done as follows:

Headquarters at Pikesville	\$154,000	
New buildings at sub-stations	<u>136,500</u>	290,500.

Military Department:

Mr. C. H. Hebrank, architect, was selected for the work to be done on the -

Armory in Charles County	\$ 60,000	60,000.
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Also, it was called to the attention of the Board that Messrs. Buckler & Fenhagen, of Baltimore, had been selected as architects for the Naval Militia Armory to be built in Baltimore, which project was authorized several years ago but which was never proceeded with and is now included in the postwar construction program. It was understood that plans and specifications had been practically completed at the time of stoppage of the work because of the war, the cost of which will be -

\$200,000	200,000.
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University of Maryland:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, advising that it would not be necessary to appoint architects for the men's dormitory at College Park-\$50,000, as plans and specifications are already prepared for this project; and that the school has people who can arrange plans for the athletic field and stands-\$15,000 and the barns and equipment-\$20,000 at Princess Anne.

Morgan State College:

For work to be done at Morgan State College, architects were selected as follows in addition to previous appointments approved by the Board.

Taylor & Fisher	Additional Women's		
	Dormitory	\$160,000	\$160,000.
Lucien E. D. Gaudreau	Men's Dormitory	\$160,000	
	Dining Hall	125,000	\$285,000.

The Secretary reported to the Board that State Agencies had been instructed to request bids for construction provided for them in the postwar construction program as follows:-

Spring Grove State Hospital		\$ 96,000
3 Employees Cottages	\$25,000	
Medical Quarters	54,000	
Roads	17,000	
Morgan State College		160,000
Women's Dormitory	\$160,000	
Springfield State Hospital		164,000
Attendants' Home	\$124,000	
Medical Staff Quarters	40,000	
Department of Budget & Procurement		86,000
Remodeling of State Tobacco		
Warehouse	\$ 86,000	
Department of Health		500,000
Baltimore Building	\$500,000	
Eastern Shore Chronic Disease		
Hospital	\$750,000	750,000
University of Maryland		108,000
Fire Service Extension Building	\$108,000	
Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatoria		10,000
Mt. Wilson - Employees' cottages	\$ 10,000	
Total -		\$1,874,000.

The various State Agencies for which there will be postwar construction have been notified to advise Mr. Kirkman of the dates on which bids for such construction will be opened, so that he will be able to be present and obtain whatever information he might desire in connection with recommendations he will be required to make to the Board in connection with the approval of the Board of any contracts for construction.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board copy of letter addressed to Governor O'Connor by Taylor & Fisher, architects, in which the Board was advised that the architects desire to employ Messrs. George and Hartman, 105 E. Pleasant Street, Baltimore, as consulting Engineers in connection with work on the following projects:- (*Morgan State College*)

Completion of Power Plant	Water lines
Service tunnels	Lighting equipment,

with the understanding that the compensation to this firm is payable by the architects out of the regular fee which they will receive for their work.

The Board approved the request of Taylor & Fisher in this matter.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Crownsville State Hospital advising that it was the conclusion of a meeting which was held in the office of Dr. George H. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, that it would be unwise to ask for bids on any major construction in the postwar program, but that because of the desperate need for quarters for physicians and for attendants at the hospital, particularly in view of the establishment of the eight-hour day, it would be wise to ask for permission to get bids on quarters for the

physicians and attendants, and that, therefore, permission was being requested to obtain bids for three cottages, the plans for which have been prepared by the office of Mr. James R. Edmunds, Jr., architect - these buildings being included for Crownsville State Hospital in the State's postwar construction program.

The Board approved the request of the hospital.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communications received from the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls.

The Board authorized the adding to the projects for this institution in the postwar construction program the sum of \$50,000 which had originally been included in the General Bond Issue of 1941 for an addition to the Administration Building; and

Also authorized increasing the allotment of \$26,700 for a Staff Cottage to \$60,000 for this cottage, as recommended by the school.

Mr. Kirkmand and Mr. McCusker reported to the Board their conference with Mr. Howard H. Murphy, Chairman, Maryland Training School for Colored Girls; Mr. George L. Hall, of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering of the State Department of Health; and Mr. Thomas W. Shives, Division Engineer, Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission, relative to the matter of extending the facilities of the Commission from Glen Burnie to the school so that the sewage of the institution can be disposed of through the facilities of the Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission instead of through the present arrangements at the institution.

Complaint has been made that the sewage from the institution is a possible source of danger to the water of the Saw Mill Branch, which is being considered as a supplemental source of water supply in that section of the county.

The Commission stated that it would be willing to assume full responsibility for extending the sewerage facilities to connect with the school for the sum of \$30,000, although it was doubtful whether the cost could be kept to this amount. Mr. Hall advised that an estimate had been made about two years ago as to the cost and indicated that the possible cost might run as high as \$48,000.

In view of all of the circumstances, Mr. Kirkmand and Mr. McCusker, with Mr. Hall and Mr. Murphy having concurred at the meeting which was held earlier, recommended to the Board that it authorize the installation of this sewerage line in accordance with plans which had been prepared by the Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission, for which the State is to pay the flat sum of \$30,000, being the amount authorized in the projects of the postwar construction program.

The Board approved the recommendation made by Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker.

The Board formally approved the individual approval previously given by the members of the Board to request of Montrose School for Girls that the school be authorized to employ Mr. W. Lloyd Wallace, Civil Engineer, to prepare a topographical survey of the campus area and adjacent sections of the property of Montrose School for Girls for use in connection with the construction program at the institution. The cost of the survey to be \$1,500. This survey was urged by Mr. Lucius R. White, architect for the institution, and by the Directors of the school.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a resume of a meeting of the Executive Committee of Montrose School for Girls held in the office of Mr. Lucius R. White, Jr., architect, on August 23, 1945, the result of which was a recommendation to the Board that the construction program be revised to cover the following projects:

- A Staff House
- A Reception Building
- Dairy Barn, Silo and Dairy
- Swimming Pool
- Farmer's House
- Cold Storage Facilities.

The Board had previously approved projects as listed in the postwar construction program totaling \$166,000.

Tentative estimates furnished by Mr. White, the architect, showed that the probable cost of the Staff House would be \$85,000 and for the Reception Building, \$105,000.

The Board decided that any change in the construction program for the school should be submitted by the school to the Maryland Commission on Post War Reconstruction and Development which would make its report to the Board of Public Works of any revision which it felt necessary in the original allocations for construction for this institution.

The Secretary requested the Board to advise him of any action which might have been taken by the members of the Board since the last meeting in connection with the Wind Tunnel to be constructed at the University of Maryland so that record might be made of such action in the Minutes of this meeting.

Governor O'Connor reported he had discussed this matter with William P. Cole, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University, and with Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University, on the occasion of his trip with them to Hagerstown last month and that because of some differences existing in connection with proceeding with this project, no definite action had been taken and that approval of the Board would have to be deferred until everyone was agreed on the proper thing to do in connection with this project.

The Board approved request of the University of Maryland that the work of remodeling Calvert Hall be proceeded with under the supervision of the institution along the same lines as other construction being done by the school other than through the awarding of a contract to a general contractor covering the whole operation.

The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of deed from the County Commissioners of Washington County to the almshouse property which is being conveyed to the State by Washington County as a site for the proposed Chronic Disease Hospital for the Western Shore. Along with the deed which conveys title to the whole tract of land owned by the County is a description of that part of the property which is to be conveyed back to Washington County by the State, having been reserved by the County in its agreement with the State to be used for county purposes.

The Board instructed the Secretary to refer the deed to the Attorney General so that it might be checked by him as to form and legal sufficiency, and also to refer to the Attorney General the description covering that part of the property which is to be returned to the County by the State so that the Attorney General might prepare a deed covering the conveyance of the property by the State to the County for execution by the Board of Public Works.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Joseph H. A. Rogan, Chairman of the Board of Correction, acknowledging receipt of letter dated August 30, 1945, from the Board of Public Works to the Maryland House of Correction advising of the projects included in the postwar construction program for that institution totaling \$167,000 and advising that this figure is not in conformity with information previously received by him for projects totaling \$218,000.

The Board said that its authority was limited to the projects listed in the program totaling \$167,000 and that the Department of Correction would have to be governed accordingly in any plans to be made by it for carrying out the authorized construction.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from the Maryland Training School for Boys calling attention to a discrepancy in the projects included in the postwar construction program totaling \$341,050 in comparison with advice which the school had previously received showing projects totaling \$271,750.

The Board confirmed the projects totaling \$341,050 included in the State's postwar construction program and also approved an additional sum of \$115,000 for the New Cottage which had been provided for the school in the General Bond Issue of 1941 and which amount of money had been transferred by Legislative Act along with other sums for State institutions for the use of the University of Maryland at the 1943 session of the General Assembly with the understanding that the amounts lost to the institutions by this transfer would be replaced to them in the postwar construction program. The Construction authorized for the institution does not include any provision for a new Security Unit, which will be the subject of further consideration at a later date.

The Secretary read to the Board a memorandum he had prepared covering a meeting which was held on August 24, 1945, at which Mr. Joseph P. Healy, Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, and Mr. McCusker were present on behalf of the Board of Public Works, with members of the Board of Managers of Cheltenham School for Boys and Mr. Young, real estate representative of Dr. Charles C. Cook, and Mr. Mylander, attorney representing Dr. Cook, relative to the desire of the State to purchase the property at Catonsville consisting of about 100 acres, being part of "Ingleside", as a site for the new institution of "Maryland Training School for Colored Boys".

The owners of the property would not yield to any representations made by the State to lower the price asked for the property, the price asked, namely \$55,000, being considered by the State as excessive.

In view of the unwillingness of the owners to consider reducing the price it was the recommendation of Mr. Healy, Mr. Kirkman, and Mr. McCusker that the State resort to condemnation proceedings to obtain the site for the school.

After due consideration, the Board decided to institute condemnation proceedings as recommended and instructed the Secretary to confer with the State Law Department and to request that department to take whatever steps are necessary to carry out the instructions of the Board.

The Secretary reported to the Board payments made from the Post War Construction Fund since the last meeting of the Board, as follows:

Cheltenham School for Boys:	
Ross & Walton, architects	\$3,041.86
Herring & McCall	11,088.00
State Department of Health:	
Bernard Evander & Co. (Baltimore)	4,200.00
Towson State Teachers College:	
F. J. Thuman	165.00
Maryland Training School for Boys:	
S. J. Martenet & Co.	150.00.

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the matter of construction of employees' cottages at Springfield State Hospital, which work is desired by the institution in preference to other construction included in the postwar construction program for that institution.

The Board approved the construction of two cottages within the sum of \$150,000 which it was estimated they will cost, this amount to be within the total allotted to the hospital for postwar construction.

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the question of a Poultry Laboratory at Salisbury, to be provided in the control of poultry diseases and for which the estimated cost is \$30,000.

The Board approved this project but with the understanding that it was to be included in the total allotted to the University of Maryland for postwar construction projects.

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the question of the Eastern Shore Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Salisbury, Maryland, and related to the Board his discussions with Dr. Cullen and others regarding the status of that branch of the Sanatorium.

It was decided, upon recommendation of Dr. Cullen, that out of the funds allotted for construction at the Henryton Branch of the Sanatorium the sum of \$65,000 be used for the construction of a new building at the Eastern Shore Branch at Salisbury for negro patients and for the building of a staff cottage for five employees. It is contemplated that the new building will take care of forty (40) negro patients and relieve the hospital to that extent at the Henryton Branch.

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request of the Maryland State School for the Blind for funds to construct a new building.

The Board took no action on the request but suggested that the school might contact the Maryland Commission on Post War Reconstruction and Development relative to any plans they may have.

#### BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board proposed agreement submitted by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey between the State of Maryland and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey covering the leasing of certain lands owned by the State, and water bottoms of the State in Worcester County, and the strip extending one-half mile off-shore in the Atlantic Ocean along the Maryland Coast between the boundaries between State of Maryland and the State of Delaware and the State of Maryland and the State of Virginia. With the proposed agreement the company submitted its check for \$20,557.50 to cover the rental due under the terms of the proposed agreement. The agreement had been reviewed by the Attorney General for approval by him as to form and legal sufficiency. In transmitting the agreement to the Board of Public Works, the Attorney General called attention to the fact that the Board might want to consider, before approving the agreement, the rights the company would have under the agreement to maintain operations in the space off Ocean City, Maryland with the possible erection of derricks, etc. in the event of the discovery of oil and the doing of other things in connection with these operations which might be very objectionable to the Town of Ocean City and the many persons who spend their vacations at the resort. Attention was also called to the fact that if the State were to include in its agreement with the company the ocean front at Ocean City, the State would be without any means of providing access to the two and one-half miles of space beyond the one-half mile space in the agreement with the company, to any other company which might be interested in leasing the additional ocean space from the State. Again, the Attorney General called attention to the fact that the proposed agreement includes the right to the company to build roads, buildings, storage pools, etc. in connection with its operations in exploring for oil and more particularly if oil should be discovered.

After due consideration, the Board decided that it would be desirable to not include in the agreement the ocean front for the distance between a point one-half mile South of the corporate limits of Ocean City on the south and a point one-half mile North of the corporate limits on the North of the City, so that there would be no right to the company to operate off the coast of Ocean City. It was also agreed that while the State would be willing to include the ocean front with the exception of that part of the ocean front reserved for Ocean City, the agreement should contain a provision that in the event the State were to lease the ocean front beyond the one-half mile limit to someone else, the right would be available to the additional lessee to have access to the leased area by going over the area within the one-half mile area covered in the agreement with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The Secretary was instructed to confer with the Attorney General and to have the Attorney General advise with the attorneys for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey for the purpose of amending the lease to make the corrections necessary as a result of the Board's conclusions.

#### BUDGET:

The Comptroller called attention to the fact that in order to carry out the arrangements for paying additional amounts to retired teachers it would be necessary to make the further sum of \$4,000 available, as definite figures received up to this time indicate that \$40,000 will be necessary.

The Board accordingly approved an allotment of \$4,000 from the General Emergency Fund to supplement the amount of \$36,000 which was heretofore made available by the Budget and an allotment of \$6,000 from the General Emergency Fund.

#### COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

Upon recommendation of the Comptroller the Board approved payment of the following refunds of moneys received in error by the State, from Item #208-C of the budget of the State Tax Commission.

Chesapeake Appliance Corp.	\$45.00
Havre de Grace Banking & Trust Co.	72.07
M. D. Millinery Stores, Inc.	20.53
Harmony Charity Circle, Inc.	10.26
The Katzner Foundation, Inc.	21.12
Insurance Premium Finance Co.	10.50
The Nisley Co.	87.13
Northside Perpetual Bldg. & Loan Assoc. of Baltimore County	5.13
Speert Foundation, Inc.	10.26
Academy Garage and Service Co.	5.10
Luxmanor Corp.	25.00.

Upon the recommendation of the Comptroller, the Board also approved payment of the following items covering taxes received by the State in error, from Item #17 of Miscellaneous Appropriation #2.

June Arlene Porter	\$9.01
Gordon Hall Livingston	6.48
Wm. Edward Schwenk	10.00
Joseph King VanDenburg, Jr.	4.61
Wm. M. Shipman	6.65

The Board at its previous meeting approved a suggestion made by the Comptroller that the State Auditor's Office be moved to Baltimore City so that the space now being used by that department can be made available to the State Comptroller's Office-Income Tax Division to take care of the large increase in income tax work which necessitates additional space. Up to this time it has not been possible to locate office space for the State Auditor's Office in Baltimore but both the State Auditor and the Director of the Department of Budget & Procurement are making

efforts to locate space. Whatever may be accomplished in this respect will be submitted to the Board later.

The Comptroller submitted to the Board application of Henry J. Kudzia, 1602 Gail Road, Baltimore, Maryland for refund of \$3.00 paid to the Clerk of Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County in connection with a marriage license obtained but never used. Correspondence with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County confirmed the fact that the license was not used by Mr. Kudzia but was returned to the Clerk's office.

The Board authorized the Comptroller to make payment of the refund requested from Item #17, Miscellaneous Appropriation #2.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board some correspondence from the Department of Tidewater Fisheries in which authority was requested to purchase two marine motors at a cost of \$5,950. and for an allotment of this amount from the General Emergency Fund to the Equipment Account in the budget of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries.

Mr. Kirkman stated that he had made some inquiries relative to the motors which it is desired to purchase and that he found he would be able to purchase these two motors at a price less than the amount indicated in the correspondence.

The Board felt that while it was willing that the motors be purchased it did not feel that the money therefor should be made available by transfer of funds from the General Emergency Fund but that the budget of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries should be able to absorb this additional expense, by amendment if necessary.

The Board authorized Mr. Kirkman to act accordingly.

The Secretary reviewed conversations he had had since the last meeting of the Board with the members therefor relative to negotiations which had been conducted by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries in an effort to find a purchaser for the Steamer "McLane". The Secretary reported to the Board that it was his understanding that a purchaser who would be willing to pay \$4,000 for the boat had been in touch with the Department.

Since the Department had been authorized to sell the boat at that price, the approval heretofore given to the Department was confirmed at this meeting today.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE FORESTS & PARKS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board several matters which had been pending covering the purchase of several parcels of land which the Department of State Forests and Parks is desirous of obtaining in connection with the State Park System.

The Board approved the requests of the Department for the purchase of three tracts of land, namely:-

The Hoffer tract of approximately 20 acres,  
The Russell E. Moser tract of 18 acres, and  
The Mrs. Philour tract of seven acres,

with the understanding that the money for the purchase of these lands would have to be made available by the Department out of its budget, as the State was not willing to allot any money from the General Emergency Fund for this purchase.



GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

Mr. Kirkman reported that he had checked on the request received from the State Library for an additional allotment of \$650.00 from the General Emergency Fund to replace lighting fixtures in the reading room of the Library and that he recommended the additional sum of \$650 be allotted to supplement the previous allotment of \$250 for this work.

The Board approved Mr. Kirkman's recommendation.

Mr. Kirkman reported, in connection with the request of the Eastern Shore State Hospital for an allotment of \$9,440 from the General Emergency Fund to take care of additional food and kitchen help, that he was making some investigation of this request, which was not urgent, and that he would report at a later meeting of the Board.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Maurice Ogle, Clerk, Court of Appeals, requesting the Board to make provision for a care-taker for the new offices of the Judges of the Court of Appeals.

The Board approved an allotment of \$900 from the General Emergency Fund to the budget of the Department of Public Buildings and Grounds to take care of the cost of an additional janitor to supplement the janitor services now being provided by the Superintendent of the Department of Public Buildings and Grounds, so that the necessary help will be available to include the work of taking care of the Judges' offices along with other State offices.

Mr. Kirkman reported that he and Mr. McCusker had visited Blakiston Island, otherwise known as St. Clements' Island, for the purpose of investigating the soil erosion there and particularly with reference to the effect it might have on the Cross erected on the Island to commemorate the landing of the Colonists in 1634. Mr. Kirkman had taken up with the State Roads Commission the matter of the work necessary to prevent erosion and it was estimated to cost approximately \$11,400. The Budget includes an appropriation of \$10,000 to cover the cost of this work.

The Board approved an allotment from the General Emergency Fund of \$1,400. to supplement the appropriation of \$10,000 in the Budget, to make available to the State Roads Commission the sum of \$11,400 to take care of the cost of doing the necessary work.

Mr. Kirkman discussed with the Board requests received from the Land Office and from the Hall of Records for allotments of money for the purchase of station wagons, micro film machine, etc. in connection with the work being done by those State Agencies. The Land Commissioner requests that he be authorized to purchase a station wagon, micro film machine, etc. in accordance with the recent act of the General Assembly; while the Archivist requests an allotment with which to purchase a station wagon to carry out the work of his department.

Mr. Kirkman stated that he thought it might be possible, since the station wagons would be used for contacting the same offices in the counties throughout the State, to double up on this work and that perhaps one station wagon will take care of the needs of both agencies.

Mr. Kirkman was requested to look into these two requests further and to avoid a duplication of work and expense in the carrying out of the duties of these two agencies.

Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board a request he had received from Baltimore City that an allotment of \$15,000 be made by the State to match a similar appropriation by the City of Baltimore for the installation of an oil burner in the Ice Boat "Annapolis".

The Board deferred action on this request until a later meeting.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board request made by Mr. Maurice Ogle, Clerk, Court of Appeals, in his letter of September 18, 1945, to the Board, for permission to install the old lighting fixtures from the Comptroller's former office in the Court of Appeals Building at a cost of \$100, as submitted by Mr. Simpson, the electrician.

The Board felt that the amount named was excessive but was willing to authorize the doing of the work by Mr. Simpson on a time and material basis with the understanding that the cost would not exceed \$100. The cost of this work is to be paid out of the Office Equipment account of the budget of the Clerk-Court of Appeals for the fiscal year 1945.

#### LEASES:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the execution of the following leases.

- Game and Inland Fish Commission - The Munsey Building Company for offices 510-14, office 504, and storage room in the basement, for a term of 2 years from December 1, 1945, at an annual rental of \$2,700.00.
- Board of Mental Hygiene - Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore, Agent, for offices 511-15 at 330 N. Charles St., Baltimore, for a term of one year from October 1, 1945, at an annual rental of \$2,100.00.
- Teachers' Retirement System - Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company of Baltimore, for Room No. 911 in the Lexington Building, for a term of one year from October 1, 1945, at an annual rental of \$1,392.
- Employees' Retirement System - Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company of Baltimore, for Room No. 910, Lexington Building, Baltimore, for a term of one year from October 1, 1945, at an annual rental of \$828.00.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, relative to the renting of office space in connection with the research work pertaining to the negroes of Maryland. At its previous meeting the Board had disapproved request for the renting of this space. Dr. Byrd, in his letter of September 6th, called attention to the fact that the office space referred to is not in Washington, D.C., but is in Seat Pleasant, Maryland, and is opposite their office in that locality and has been occupied since July 15th, 1945. The rent for the office is to be paid from money appropriated by the General Education Board and not from State funds.

In view of the circumstances outlined by Dr. Byrd, the Board approved his request for approval to the renting of this office space as follows:-

- University of Maryland - Mrs. Charlotte McGee, for office at 602 - 60th Place N.E., Washington - 19, D. C., for a term of one year from August 1, 1945, at an annual rental of \$180.00.

MARYLAND WORKSHOP FOR THE BLIND:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a file in connection with Joint Resolution No. 21 passed by the General Assembly of 1945 under which it was requested that the Board of Public Works make available for the Home Services Department of the Maryland Workshop for the Blind funds to take care of the work described in the Resolution.

At the suggestion of Mr. Kirkman this matter was held for further consideration.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

Mr. Kirkman reported that he had looked into the matter of providing the cost of railroad fare to certain students in connection with scholarships provided for negro students by the Scholarship Committee of Morgan State College and recommended that in view of the small amount involved that the Board take no action in this matter in connection with the amounts which are being paid at this time for transportation.

The Board approved Mr. Kirkman's recommendation.

Mr. Kirkman reported that the matter of providing additional personnel for the staff at Morgan State College, which was the subject of discussion at a previous meeting, has been taken care of thru a budget amendment which was duly approved by the Governor.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman the Board approved the payment of \$600.00 annually to Mr. Edward N. Wilson, Registrar of Morgan State College, for acting as Director of Evening Classes, this payment to be in addition to his regular compensation.

OYSTERS:

The Secretary read to the Board a letter dated September 10, 1945, from Mr. J. Richard Wilkins, attorney for Harry T. Ambrose, one of the judgment holders in connection with the judgments obtained some years ago in oyster damage cases in Somerset County.

The Board, in discussing this matter, took the position that it was not willing to give any consideration to supplementing the amount of \$10,000 appropriated by the General Assembly of 1945 to be used in settling the several claims enumerated in the Budget appropriation.

ST. MARY'S FEMALE SEMINARY:

Mr. Kirkman reported to the Board that he had investigated the matter of soil erosion at St. Mary's Female Seminary and had taken up with Maj. Whitman, Chairman, State Roads Commission, the matter of doing the necessary work in this matter. Funds for the payment of the cost of the work are available in appropriations to St. Mary's Female Seminary.

It was agreed to have the work done in accordance with the recommendations made to Mr. Kirkman by the State Roads Commission.

STATE EMPLOYEES:

The Board confirmed its informal action taken since the last meeting of approving a five-day week for State employees, with the understanding that the three hours which State employees usually work on Saturday from nine in the morning to twelve o'clock noon would be made up during the other five days of the week. The five-day work week will apply to departments generally but will not be applicable to State institutions and hospitals. The Board was advised that the State Employment Commissioner, acting upon instructions of the Governor, had issued a bulletin giving effect to the action of the Board in this matter.

The Board approved request of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium for authority to compensate Miss Beatrice Gessey in the amount of \$80.00 to cover vacation which she was unable to take because of the request of the Superintendent of the Sanatorium that she remain on duty due to the lack of adequate personnel at the institution.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a file of correspondence which has been pending for sometime relative to the cases of employees who are not members of the Employees' Retirement System and are injured in the line of duty. The matter had been referred to the Employees' Retirement System and was given consideration at a meeting of that Board.

Mr. Thos. I. Hays, Executive Secretary of the Employees' Retirement System, advised that his Board believes the Workmen's Compensation Law, or some other insuring agency, would be the proper one for this protection, but that he had written their Actuary in New York for his opinion and will advise the Board of Public Works upon receipt of a reply from the Actuary.

The Secretary brought back to the Board correspondence relating to the application of Mrs. Anita B. King, Court Reporter of the State Industrial Accident Commission, for an extension of sick leave due to the fact that because of a nervous condition, specifically designated as "writer's cramp", she is unable to perform the duties required of her as a Hearing Reporter. At the last meeting of the Board it was decided that while this employee would be unable to perform her usual duties, it ought to be possible for her to be present at work and perform such duties as would not require the use of her right arm in a way that would retard her recovery.

However, after the State Industrial Accident Commission had been advised of the Board's action in the matter, the employee obtained a further certificate from her doctor and also submitted to an examination by Col. A. N. Tasker, Medical Director of the Employment Department. After making a detailed report of his examination of the employee, Dr. Tasker recommended that an extension of sick leave with pay to include January 15, 1946 be granted this employee and that on or about January 5, 1946 the employee report again to the Medical Director of the State Employment Commission for a re-examination; and, further, that she be directed to request of Dr. Spear another certificate giving his statement of the degree of recovery which has been effected and to what extent the employee is ready to resume her duties, such certificate to be presented to the Medical Director of the State Employment Commission on or about January 5, 1946.

After due consideration of the report of the Medical Director, the Board approved an extension of sick leave thru January 15, 1946, and felt that the employee should be given to understand that the Board would not look with favor upon any request for an extension of leave beyond January 15, 1946.

Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the matter of the status of Veterans returning to the State service, he being interested particularly at this time because of a former employee who was inducted into the service being discharged and being interested in obtaining his former employment with the Department of Budget and Procurement.

The Board advised Mr. Kirkman that the law on the subject is very clear and that there was nothing else to do but adhere very strictly to the provisions of the law in respect to the returning Veteran.

#### STATE PROPERTY:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved disposition of state properties in the following instances: -

Department of State Forests and Parks - 6 pieces of motor vehicle equipment.

Department of State Forests & Parks - ten buildings at  
Green Ridge Mountain Camp.  
State Roads Commission - Condemnation reports #3892,  
#4007, #3891, and #4030.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION:

The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of a letter from Mr. K. Thomas Everngam, Special Assistant Attorney General for the State Roads Commission, acknowledging receipt of the accounts receivable of the State Roads Commission which were referred to the Attorney General for collection, stating that the matter of unpaid accounts receivable would receive immediate attention.

The Secretary was instructed to check with the State Roads Commission at the end of three months to ascertain what has been done as to the collection of these delinquent accounts.

The Secretary reported to the Board that Mr. Kirkman and he had looked into the matter of the value of the lot measuring 150' x 153' adjoining in the rear the State Roads Commission property between Rowland Avenue and Byerly Avenue, Hagerstown, which property is desired by the State Roads Commission so that its sheds to house equipment might be extended to put under cover equipment which must stay out in the weather. The owner of the property is asking \$2,250 for the lot.

After check the property values in the neighborhood, thru the records available in the Court House, Hagerstown, it is the conclusion of Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker that this particular lot would ordinarily have a value of \$500 but that because of its special value to the State Roads Commission, being adjacent to property already owned by the State, it might be worth as much as \$1,250.

The Board approved the recommendation as to the value of this property and instructed the Secretary to advise the Commission accordingly.

The Board approved execution of deed submitted by the State Roads Commission whereby certain parcels of land in Anne Arundel County which are not needed or required in connection with the State Roads System were being conveyed to William S. Kies and Elizabeth F. Kies, his wife, and Anna House Brooks, all of Anne Arundel County, and affixed their signatures to the deed.

STOCK CERTIFICATES:

Mr. Miles reported to the Board that he had sold 23 shares of stock of the Union Trust Company, as authorized at the last meeting of the Board, and the price received was \$597.82, covering sale at \$26.00 per share less 18¢ tax. The sale was made through the firm of Baker Watts and Company.

The Board approved this report.

Mr. Miles suggested that the Board consider selling bonds of the War Loan which the State now owns and investing the proceeds in bonds of the current Victory Loan to be offered by the Federal Government. Mr. Miles stated that it would be possible to sell these bonds, which mature December 1, 1945, at a profit and to invest the proceeds in bonds of the Victory Loan which would be redeemable within a year and which would provide some income to the State through the interest payable on them and at the same time the cash would not be needed by the State because of our ability, thru our cash surplus, to take care of all of our obligations until the redemption of the bonds.

The Board approved Mr. Miles' suggestion and authorized him to carry it out at the proper time, selling \$5,000,000 of U. S. Treasury 7/8% Certificates due Dec. 1, 1945, with the idea of reinvesting the proceeds in similar certificates with a longer maturity.

SURPLUS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the fact that Chapter 762 of the Acts of 1945 refers to the Board of Public Works the matter of use of excess surplus for tax reductions or the allocation of such surplus to the postwar construction program.

In view of the uncertainty of the situation as to the requirements of the State in the future, it was decided to defer any action bearing on the provisions of the Act mentioned.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BOARD:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a statement submitted by the Unemployment Compensation Board covering the financial activities of that Board to June 30, 1945, and requesting approval of the Board of Public Works to the action of that Board in certain abatements made covering interest waived; adjustments, abatements & uncollectible items; and, overpayment of benefits, not recoverable, in the period April 1 to June 30, 1945.

The Board approved the writing off of the items of Interest Waived totaling \$2,303.83; Adjustments, abatements & uncollectible items totaling \$5,276.06; but, the Board was desirous of obtaining more information as to the item "Overpayment of benefits, not recoverable - \$21,942.00. The Secretary was requested to obtain further information from the Unemployment Compensation Board as to this latter item.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, relative to the Budget of the University of Maryland for the fiscal year 1946, action on which had been deferred at the last meeting of the Board.

Because of the assurances given by Dr. Byrd with reference to the fact that the Special Funds estimated in his budget would be forthcoming in the year, the Budget as submitted was approved.

The Secretary submitted to the Board form of lease which the State Law Department has approved for use by the University of Maryland in connection with the leasing of the cottages for Farm Laborers.

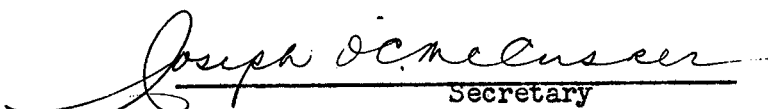
The Board approved the use of this form.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a deed conveying to Elmira P. Kaufmann and Mary E. O'Connor a ground rent of \$54.00 issuing and payable out of property in Baltimore City known as 514 West 33rd Street, which ground rent had been left to the University Hospital and which at this time the owner of the leasehold is exercising his right to redeem. The deed was executed by William P. Cole, Chairman of the Board of Regents, on behalf of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland and bears the approval as to form and legal sufficiency of Deputy Attorney General Hall Hammond.

The Secretary was advised by Mr. Hammond by telephone that the Board of Public Works should join in the execution of the deed as this is a requirement of law under the provisions of an act passed at the 1945 session of the General Assembly known as Chapter 718.

The Board approved execution of this deed and affixed their signatures thereto.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary